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Supervisor Martin Honors Milwaukee County Bus Operator Jeannie Mitchell

MILWAUKEE – County Supervisor Felesia A. Martin recognized Milwaukee County bus operator Jeannie Mitchell on Thursday for coming to the aid of two lost children while driving her route for the Milwaukee County Transit Service (MCTS).

"Jeannie Mitchell is an awesome example of the engaged citizens who live in the Magnificent 7th District. Bus operators like Jeannie care for the people of Milwaukee County every day by safely getting them to their destination, but on October 12, 2016, Jeannie went above and beyond when she acted without hesitation to help two lost children. I want to extend my thanks and congratulations to Jeannie, and to all the heroic men and women of MCTS," said Supervisor Martin.

Ms. Mitchell was driving her usual Route 35 trip on Wednesday, October 12th, 2016, when she noticed the two children walking alone down the sidewalk on Hopkins Street. She stopped the bus, opened the door, and asked the children if they were lost.

Ms. Mitchell then exited the bus to ask them more questions and realized the pair did not know where they were going. She contacted the MCTS dispatch staff who called police to the scene. A Milwaukee Police Officer then helped the one-year-old boy and five-year-old girl contact their mom.

The children said they walked away from their babysitter and were trying to go to a relative's house, but got lost.

Ms. Mitchell, a 25-year veteran of MCTS, is one of seven bus operators who were awarded citations for exemplary service Thursday.